Priorities emerging from the IUCN World Parks Congress 2014

Pacific Regional Workshop
Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions

Disconnected and unsupportive

Threatened and under-resourced

In crisis with other priorities
Promise to INVIGORATE ... our efforts to ensure that protected areas do not regress but rather progress. We will scale up protection in landscapes, wetlands and seascapes to represent all sites essential for the conservation of nature, especially in the oceans, and involve all of those who conserve.

Promise to INSPIRE ... all people, across generations, geography and cultures, and especially the world’s expanding cities, to experience the wonder of nature through protected areas, to engage their hearts and minds and engender a life-long association for physical, psychological, ecological, and spiritual well-being.

Promise to INVEST ... in nature’s solutions, supported by public policy, incentives, tools and safeguards that help to halt biodiversity loss, mitigate and respond to climate change, reduce the risk and impact of disasters, improve food and water security, and promote human health and dignity.
Raising the bar for conserving nature

Protected areas must progress, NOT REGRESS

Protected areas must be established in the right places

Include areas conserved by private, indigenous peoples, and local communities

Improve QUALITY: protected areas need to be effective

Increase CAPACITY to address novel threats
IUCN Green List of protected and conserved areas

Recognizing protected areas that deliver conservation impacts for people and nature
THE IUCN GREEN LIST GLOBAL STANDARD
Pillars and Principles

Delivering Conservation Impact

- Natural Values
- Social Values

1. Designed to Deliver
2. Equitably Governed
3. Effectively Managed
Putting in place the right capacity

Professionalize:
- Publish competences register, user guide and tools
- Test use of competence approaches and materials
- Prepare and launch body of knowledge on line tool

Enable:
- Pilot use of performance, assessment and certification guidance.
- Publish guidelines on capacity development by, with and for indigenous and local communities

Build partnerships with providers of education and training and evaluate progress.
Developing professional capacity for implementation

- PA competence register
- PA occupations and standards
- Accredited education and training programmes
- Body of knowledge and resources
De nouvelles lignes directrices
Enhance governance diversity, quality and vitality

More supportive legal and policy frameworks and integration of customary law.

Apply “No Go” policies to prevent damage from extractive activities

Respect procedural and substantive human rights

Fully recognize and support voluntary conservation of protected and conserved areas

Move from growth-based towards sustainable, equitable and satisfying economies and societies
A primer on governance for protected and conserved areas
Address climate change

- Promote the full recognition of ecosystems/PAs to respond to climate change
- Build capacity to apply innovative, appropriate, and context-specific measures
- Ensure equitable participation from society, including youth, women and Indigenous Peoples
- Support coalitions for collective action in the polar regions
- Build on traditional knowledge in finding solutions to climate change
Support human life: food, water, risk reduction

- Demonstrate the value of protected area ecosystem services to all audiences
- Apply a rights-based approach to conservation in protected area systems
- Strengthen spatial planning to enhance the role and impact of protected areas
- Identify legal, institutional and social factors to optimize synergy for supporting human life
- Promote conservation of freshwater ecosystems and enable civil society in water governance
- Build strong evidence, policy and practical advice for applying ecosystem-based disaster-risk reduction
thank the government of Japan for its commitment.
Improve health and well-being

Build the evidence for connecting health and nature incl. traditional knowledge

Strengthen policies and planning to promote nature’s role in health and well-being

Promote the preventative health contribution made by PAs, including urban parks

Improve biodiversity and maximize human health and well-being outcomes.

Build alliances and capacity across the health and protected area sectors
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- Demonstrably successful and valuable
- Fair, just and inclusive
- Contributing solutions